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San Francisco. Dorr Jones, the Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of San Francisco, Inc., announced with great satisfaction that his organization would be the beneficiary of the Police vs. Gays softball game project this year.

By a vote of 9 to 1, Meals Wheels was selected to receive support this year, which is the sixth year of its opera-

Jones pointed out that it is really quite appropriate to have the gay community support this benefit. Wheels is one of the few community services which has a special outreach and understanding of older gay persons. Although all persons are served, regardless of categories, or age for that matter, the older citizens, and especially older gay citizens, have greater needs in most cases, according to

base at 2940 16th Street, San five locations in the city from which meals are distributed to those who need the service, projects. Jones noted. They're in the Mission, Ingleside, Richmond and Sunset districts of the city.

This year the ball game will be played at the Hayward Park at Gough and Laguna Streets here on Sunday the 19th of September.

Jones, it should be noted, has been active in the gay movement for 22 years both here, as an early President of Society for Individual Rights, and prior to that in New York, as the original leader of the Mattachine there.

A man of many talents, Jones continues to be active locally despite health limitations which have reduced the range of his work in recent years. He has asked that those who may wish to volunteer their services and time to help as a worker for Meals on Wheels, get in touch with him, especially if they have a car or if they want to be a driver to help deliver the meals to those in need.

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An Open Letter To Mayor Moscone

A few days ago, after the last public hearing on Yerba Buena Center was held at the Residence Silvercrest August 23, a request was made through your office to set up an appointment to discuss the exclusion of gay persons and single persons from the benefits of YBC.



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POLICE-GAY BENEFIT FOR tion. Jones. Special emphasis is given Operating from a home to the fact that the gay community is seeking Francisco, Meals on Wheels has encouragement for its many community self-supported social services and cultural

> Your attention is directed to the fact that so-called "community facilities" have been included in the YBC planning, and the fact that the gay community had never been provided with any "facilities."

> The gay community could make good use of a community center. It has been trying to organize such a center for a number of years. Money has been a factor - location another. They are not unsolvable problems.

> It was suggested that perhaps YBC would be able to find room for gay citizens, too. If not, then maybe there would be some other location in the city which would be suitable for a Gay Community Center and that maybe some of the millions for community collected projects could be used to assist the gay community to serve itself.

Without fully understanding the need to explore the subject further, your office spokesperson stated flatly that you would not be willing to meet with representatives of the gay community to explore possibilities.

In short, your pre-campaign "open door" policy has been terminated.

August 28 On announced that \$131,000 would be allotted to provide a much needed Senior Center at That is fine; it is 333 Turk. needed. You went on to provide \$189,000 in community development funds for 76 neighborhood projects, including planting gardens, community trees. murals, play apparatus, etc. All fine; but how about us?

We have never received anything from the taxes we pay; we pay a higher share of the average tax as single persons and get the least. The point may also be made that we are actually being discriminated against. As you know, discrimination under Sections 12a and 12b of the San Francisco Administrative Code is illegal.

The only participation gay citizens have in civic benefits is the part we play in providing tax dollars.

We stage the biggest parades in the city's history; we get no Hotel Tax funds. We put on the largest street fairs ever held in the city - such as Castro Street a few weeks ago; we get no tourism funds.

There may be 140,000 gay adults here as voters or potential voters. Police Chief Gain has suggested there may be 20%



to 21% of the total population may need to be reminded that We do play a part here.

Of course, no one person can claim to speak for the gay

in San Francisco that is gay. the gay community does have needs and aspirations; and that is the point of this letter.

There has been a lack of community. Nevertheless, you sensitivity by the city govern-

ment toward the special needs of the gay community

Your election as mayor was to mark a new era in understanding. When you ran for public office, you openly sought and got gay community Your victory sursupport. rounded you with an aura of achievement which engendered great hopes and expectation in the gay community.

After Joseph Alioto and the string of other mayors past, your election was to turn the tide; so the thing went. You were elected, yet the needs continue; the concern goes on; tokenism is rampant and expectations grow dim. Platitudes come forth from your office and spokespersons.

Perhaps you are isolated from reality and you are not aware. This letter is intended to direct your attention to these matters of need and genuine concern.

There is no difference to providing special facilities for the aged, racial groups, veterans, families, etc., and providing facilities for gay citizens as a group or class. If you can do it for one group, it can be done for the gay community.

Gay citizens pay taxes to the city, to the state and to the federal government. We come in various shapes and sizes and in at least two genders. have hopes and desires and are really quite normal. Most would not even be noticed along the mainstream of life. We are both rich and poor and at every level of society. The one thing that binds us all is the recognition of the need for and the right to equal consideration in all things.

The gay community is responsive to fair treatment and resentful of disregard.

You, Mr. Mayor, have the opportunity of assuming the leadership which is needed to actually effect social good and harmony in San Francisco. We do want our fair share. We do need your help. We do hope you will listen - at the very least, listen

Very truly yours,

Paul D. Hardman

Girth & Mirth Club

The Girth & Mirth Club of San Francisco is alive and well because Fat Is Where It's At! This is a gay club for heavy people, the chubbies; and those who appreciate the beauty to be found in the dimensions of a full-bodied man, the chasers. The Girth & Mirth Club is the first group ever organized to fill the needs of these specialized gay brothers.

The Girth & Mirth Club is dedicated to fun. We aren't interested in politics or other opinion-laden stuff. If what you have in mind is fun - and if it involves chubbies and chasers we are probably doing it already or we would like to hear about it. Maybe all we need is YOUR suggestion for something new to get started!

Right now, there are members; 40 chubbies and half chasers. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in what we're We meet the first and third Fridays of the month. Meetings are often held at the 527 Club, 527 Bryant Street, San Francisco, at 8 p.m. We recommend that you call or write for latest information when planning to visit. Each meeting usually has a short business session followed by dancing and frolicking late into the night. There is always the good food and drink of the "527" to add to the merriment. We also plan weekend outings as simple as a picnic in a municipal park; as elegant as a buffet supper; or as memorable as a tour of the Wine Country.

One might ask what sort of people belong to a club like this? Well, there is no special You'll find construction workers, cooks, doctors, artists, businessmen, musicians, salesclerks and a selfproclaimed sex symbol or two. Most of us are just plain people who would like for you to join our group, too. Try our next meeting.

Girth & Mirth Club of S.F. 681 Ellis Street, No. 164 San Francisco, Ca. 94109

Bill, Pub. Chmn: 451-5500 Paul, Secretary: 832-6643 Charlie, Pres: 474-2777

Hyacinthus Events

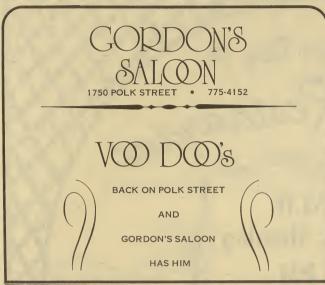
Hyacinthus, gays of Greek ancestry, announces a Greek Dance Class on Mondays at beginning 6:30 p.m. September 6, 1976, at the San Gay Community Francisco Center, 32 Page Street, San Donation. Francisco. welcome.

Hyacinthus will also present a Greek Party & Gay Disco Dance on Saturday, October 9, 1976, from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. at 32 Page Street, San Francisco. \$2.00 donation at the door. All welcome.

For further information on the above activities, call 861-6679.

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DOB is organization.

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The area is secluded, in the following upcoming events.

September 9-11 Woodstock College, N. Y.; founder of Dignity/New York; and author of The Church and the Homosexual will be in the Bay Area in connection with the

September 12 INTEGRITY/San Francisco Eucharist

publication of his book. He will

lecture and autograph copies.

October 26 Inter-caucus picnic in Cupertino for all the Bay Area Gay church caucuses. Profit from the picnic will be distributed in proportion to each group's participation.

Gays Not Protected By Civil Rights Act

Francisco. Attorney Richard Gayer was not surprised when U.S. District Judge non-profit Spencer Williams ruled on August 27 that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 does not protect homosexuals from employment discrimination.

The defendants - Robert San DeSantis, Bernard Boyle and Ronald Simard - filed a class action in the United States District Court for Northern California in May of 1976 on behalf of themselves and all other gay persons who have been, are, or may be, victims of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's anti-homosexual policy in employment.

At the same time, they also filed against the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for refusing to process their discrimination complaints against the telephone company under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

Gayer noted that others had sued the telephone company also under the provisions of the Reconstruction Era Civil Rights Act and he charged the telephone company with depriving homosexuals their rights of employment opportunities because of their homosexuality.

Those suits also were denied jurisdiction by the court.

The motion being heard on August 27 was a Motion to Dismiss the suit made by PT&T and EEOC on the basis that gay persons are not a protected

Gayer proceeded on the theory of "disparate impact" which allows that even though homosexuals are not specifically mentioned as being protected by the law, statistically more men are discriminated against because of the PT&T and EEOC policies, consequently the challenged employment policy and the denial of process amounts to discrimination against men, which is discrimination on the basis of sex which is a protected class designated in the Act.

"However persuasive their arguments may be," declared

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Judge Spencer Williams who continue working for PT&T. recently turned down (a suit Plaintiff Bernard Boyle has a brought by) a transsexual who similar story; he was harassed had been fired by the Ralph K. by fellow employees which Davies Medical Center."

Williams, according to few years ago.

tiff, claims he was refused engaged in conversation. was homosexual. Ronald Simard contended that man for PT&T. his supervisors harassed him and

"the plaintiffs face tions too unbearable for him to forced him to quit.

A news conference was Gayer, also chastized a homo- held just before the hearing in sexual for engaging in off-base the Federal Court Building in private consensual conduct a Room 20405. The media was there with its usual equipment "Based on these past and a host of reporters. decisions by Judge Williams," it was over and the TV lights said Gayer, "the plaintiffs turned off, the plaintiff and would have needed a minor Gayer and most of the others miracle to prevail in Williams' left the room. However, there was one man there who seemed Robert DeSantis, a plain- apart from the rest. He was employment merely because he was Jerry Batty, who identified Plaintiff himself as the Public Relations

What can be described as visited his place of residence to a "locker room" atmosphere determine if he were a homo- developed as reporters asked

It was an "off the record" type of encounter seasoned with dirty laughs.

"Come on now," Batty was chided, "if there were two applicants for a job with PT&T and both were identical in qualifications, but one was gay and one was straight . . . which one would the telephone company really hire?"

After a bit of urging, he admitted, "I guess we would hire the straight guy."

"Why is that?" came the response.

"You would not want to hire a guy with a dress on, would you?" blurted Batty amidst spurts of his own laughter.

At this point, Batty got into the problem of people pinching one another on the bottom, flaunting and being disruptive, etc. He punctuated his innuendos with subdued chortles.

Are there any gays working for the phone company?" asked a reporter from the San Francisco Chronicle, attempting to keep up the pace of revelation.

"I don't know," replied

Batty quickly.
"Come off it," snapped the reporter, "you must have some idea if there are any gays in the phone company."

"Well." began snidely, "let me put it this way. We do have a top executive - a woman - how shall I put it? Well, let's say she sort of hates men. If you know what I mean!" Knowing locker room laughter confirmed that everyone knew what Batty meant; that is, the phone company has at least one top executive who is a lesbian.

Later in the court room, the telephone company denied vehemently that the company or its management was prejudiced. Despite the written policy which they had which denied employment to "manifest" homosexuals, they made the denial with a "straight"

Gayer plans to appeal Judge Williams' ruling.

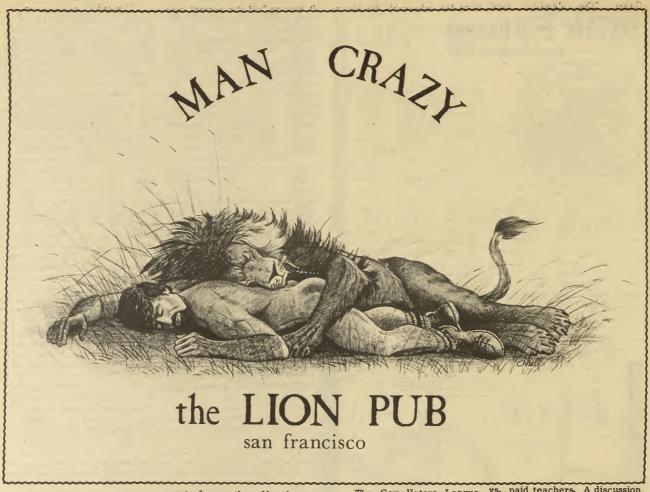
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Jim Sandmire New Head of Gay Caucus

Los Angeles. On Saturday the 28th of August at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles, Gay Caucus of California Democratic Clubs met and selected Jim Sandmire as the replacement for Jim Foster who resigned as Chair-







Depending on who you ask, the designation was either an appointment, a selection or an election. In any case, it was effected by a nomination with noted Garabidian, Foster has his little opposition.

Just prior to the meeting, Presidents of the local Democratic Clubs were polled; only one even knew that there was to be a "selection" of a new Chairperson. That was Bob Cramer of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club.

When Adrian Garabidian, the local head of CDC was questioned about this fact, she deferred the matter to the Gay Caucus and suggested that it was up to Jim Foster and the presidents of the gay Democratic Clubs to solve their own communication problems.

Most persons interviewed subsequently had no objections to Jim Sandmire, but there was considerable discontent over the way it was done.

Rev. Sandmire is well known to San Francisco gay citizens as the head of the MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) here before going to Los Angeles.

In trying to understand why Foster stepped down at this time, only one plausible hint and there will be a no-host bar was suggested - Foster will beginning at 7:45 PM and will probably go to work. The rumor be open until 9:45 PM.

most frequently offered was that he may go to work for Mayor George Moscone.

Whatever the reason, own future to think of; and he has given a great deal to the political movement in the gay community.

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SF Gay Voters' League Candidates Night

The San Francisco Gay Voters League will hold their Sixth Annual Candidates Night for the Gay Community, and all persons and candidates are invited to attend.

The co-emcees for the event will be former Commissioner Harvey Milk and Mr. Paul Hardman of the Pride Foundation, who is a lobbyist for legislative rights for gay people.

The event will be on Friday night, October 8, at the Towne House, 8th & Market Streets, in the Peninsula Room.

It will begin at 8:00 PM,

The Gay Voters League has on its rolls 7,500 registered voters who proclaim that they are homosexuals. We have a goal of 10,000 by October 2nd.

Please join us and hear what the candidates for the various political offices have to say, and then question them.

There are 31,000 registered gay voters in San Francisco, and 7,500 of them are supporters of the San Francisco Gay Voters League.

We will present our recommendations to the voters the October 8th Candidates Night with a special mailing and publication.

KPFA FM•94 Women's Programs

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KPFA is pleased to following the announce programs of special interest to

Monday, September 6 at 12:15 pm: on AIN'T I A WOMAN! Lois Ann Thomas, a local musician, singing about woman's lives.

Monday, September 13 at 12:15 on AIN'T I A WOMAN! Woman's Schools. Free schools

vs. paid teachers. A discussion between representatives Breakaway and Rising Tide, two East Bay Woman's schools. Phone-ins at 848—4425.

Monday, September 20 at 12:15 pm: on AIN'T I A WOMAN! Bebe K'Roche. A rebroadcast of their concert recorded at The Dreamer in Oakland.

Monday, September 27 at 12:15 pm: on AIN'T I A WOMAN! Black Woman Today. Angela Davis speaks about the experiences of black women in America.

Tuesday, September 14 at 10:00 pm: on AIN'T I A WOMAN! Woman's News and Commentary followed by ... Women in Cuba: an interview with a lesbian feminist who went to Cuba with the Venceremos Brigade.

Tuesday, September 21 at 10:00 pm: on AIN'T I A WOMAN! Woman's News and Commentary followed by ... an interview with Sheila Rowbotham, author of Women, Resistance and Revolution.

Listener-sponsored Racifica Radio for Northern California, 2207 Shattuck Avenue. Berkeley, California 94704, 848-6767.

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Milk Forum Bu Harvey Milk

"Uncertainty' Of Carter or the "Certainty" of Ford

Facing the reality of it all, either Carter or Ford will be our next president. Some people, especially those who are content with the "way things are," will opt for Ford because they know where he is and can "live" with him. They argue that they don't know where Carter is, and that uncertainty bothers them. Thus, while they are not happy with Ford, they like many people - will stay with the status quo. Think about Columbus, Marco Polo, George Washington, etc., staying with the "certain" things of life!

Given the fact that this is a problem with many people, let and the uncertainty of Carter on one important issue: Gay people's rights. Where do these two people stand in regard to the rights of 5%-10% of the nation's population? Yours and

First let's look at the "uncertainty" of Jimmy Carter. He has stated - not in front of gay audiences to gay press, but right in front of the national press - more than once that he regards homosexuality as a sin! Because the Bible says so. He also regards as an equal sin -and lumps them together - fornication and adultery! He does not regard a person's being gay any more or less of a sin as - well, I guess, what 90% of the people of the nation do. He then further states that he believes that the government has absolutely no business whatsoever interfering with a person's right us look at the certainty of Ford to work or live, no matter what

their sexual orientation is. He continues with the statement that he would sign Abzug's bill for gay equal rights. In other words, he stands for gay rights laws being passed even though he regards homosexuality as a sin alongside of fornication and adultery. That is more than the California State Assembly or State Senate feels. They never got a gay rights bill out of committee.

Can you "live with" a president that regards you as a sinner but feels that the government has no business interfering with your personal life and will sign into law that

On the other hand, we "certainty" have the President Ford. Let's look at where he stands on that same

During his term as President, Ford was close to being killed twice. Once he was driving in New England and his car was hit by another car driven by a young person. The next day the president called the young driver and personally talked to him to tell him that while that car driven came close to killing him (Ford), he (the driver) should not worry, etc. Great! Humanitarian at Concerned about the least. another human even though it the gay person? was one who almost killed him! What a great leader! However, Ford is that he couldn't even not too long before that inci- get the (whatever the word is) dent, Ford was almost killed by up to thank a person who saved a woman here in San Francisco. his life - a person who was gay. The police and Secret Service Ford might stand for the rights all agree that the only thing of people - but somehow I'm that saved the President's life "certain" that that does not

was the action of a person who grabbed the gun and forced the bullet to miss its target. In other words, that person, according to all our experts, by his action saved the life of the President.

And what did our President do about that? After all, if he will call and talk personto-person to a young man who almost killed him in an accident, you would think that he might even invite the person who saved his life to the White House. Did that person get an invitation to the White House? No. Did that person get a phone call from the President? No. Did that person get a personal letter immediately thanking him? No. Oh, about a week or two later and with much hullabaloo from the press, he did get a letter from the President - similar to letters sent to some of the police who later assisted the hero. Short and almost form letters.

We hear a lot about words actions. I think that the actions that Ford took in these two cases say a lot about the Why would he talk man. personally to someone who almost killed him and almost ignore someone who saved his life? One was gay; one was not. Can you guess which one was

Yes, the "certainty" of





include gay people.

Well, the The point? ments to the Supreme Court. tainment. For a long time I have been are who they put on the courts. considered a donation. regard to gay rights. would not even hear the case than Nixon.

"Certainty Of Ford

Ford wanted to impeach Earl Warren! Ford started the fight and led the fight to impeach the best friend we had on the court! What kind of people do you think Ford will appoint to the court? Friends of gay rights? Ford, who pardoned Nixon and lets Connoley be his mouthpiece, is no friend of gay (Interestingly, Ford loved Connoley's approach to the campaign this past week. Connoley is the person who was acquitted in his case of being accused of taking illegal money; but the person who was accused of giving the money was con-victed for it! You figure that Yes, Ford loves one out!) Connoley. Yes, Ford pardoned Yes, Ford wanted to Nixon. impeach Earl Warren. Ford would not call the homosexual who saved his life but called the heterosexual who almost took his life. That's the "certainty" of Ford.

For me, I'll take the "uncertainty" of the man who will sign Abzug's gay rights bill. For me, I'll take the "uncertainty" of the man who regards homosexuality as much of a sin as fornication and adultery. For me, I'll take the "uncertainty" of the man who believes that the government has no business in a person's bedroom.

The other issues? We can go into them at another time however, what good is a great economy of a great nation at a great peace if you are in jail or can't get a job because you are gay?

St. Fair To Benefit Oakland Ballet

The 17th Merchants Association will be holding a Street Fair in benefit of the Oakland Ballet on Friday, September 10th, from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M., and on Saturday, September 11th, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The fair will be held

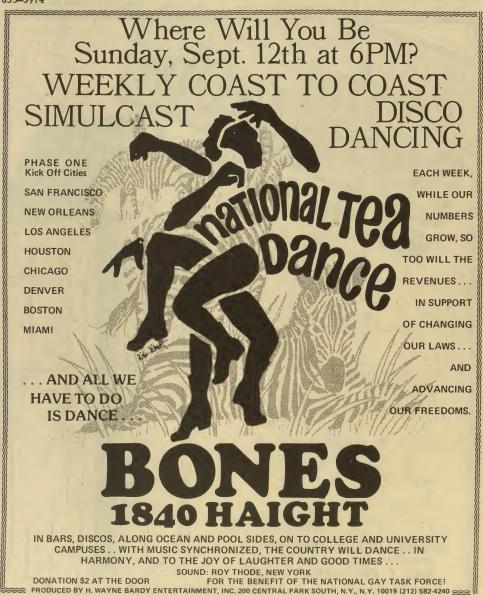
in Oakland on 17th Street between Franklin and Webster. worst thing that Nixon did to There will be crafts people, gay people was his appoint- baked goods, prizes and enter-

Admission to the Street saying that the most important Fair is free. The proceeds will decisions that governors and go directly to the Oakland presidents make, excepting war, Ballet so that each purchase is These judges affect our day-to- each purchase the customer will day life more than anything else receive a raffle ticket making that they do; and because the him or her eligible to win appointees stay on long after several prizes. Drawings for the executives leave, the effect the raffle will be held on Friday lasts and lasts. Look at what only, starting at noon and con-Nixon's Supreme Court did in tinuing every two hours until They 8 P.M.

Entertainment will that was brought up this year! provided by Children's Fairyland And Ford is more conservative personalities, who will be on the street several times each day, and by folk singer/guitarist John Newby, who will perform in Earth 'n' Arts from 6 to 8 P.M. on Friday.

For further information, contact Gale Fulton-Ross, 835-5974

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Brother Bizarre's Gaze

The Communist's Carter

It is the day before the Party petition -- don't. last issue came out as I am writing this, and I am thinking back to the August 10 dinner commemorating B.A.R.'s 5th year of existence, during which editor Bob Ross more or less threatened us that if we didn't start turning our columns in on time, dammit, he was going to send a platoon of Jesus freaks to camp on our doorsteps and pray for our immoral souls.

Now having come from Santa Rosa as I do, and having witnessed the potential destructive level that a horde of windup Billy Graham automatons is capable of producing, I hied me hence to my Hermes 3000 in fear and trembling. And the only thing that comes to mind

by Mark Joplin

right now is: if you're considering signing the Communist

Now I've signed petitions for the SWP candidates, the Peoples Party candidates and just a shitload of other stuff. And I would have signed the Hall/Tyler ticket petition as well - I mean, when the "big party" choices are Ford and Carter, you need as many alternatives as you can get, right? - had I not been tuning in to KGO Newstalk Radio one night when the featured guest was Communist Presidential candidate Gus Hall.

(Some praiseworthy words and a round of huzzahs for KGO and their 8pm-midnight host, Ronn Owens, in a future column. Suffice it to say for now that Ronn is intelligent,

articulate, the Liberal answer we are, on a principal basis, to Joe Pyne, and I like him a against discrimination against helluva lot.)

Where was I? Oh yes --Gus Hall on KGO.

For a fire-eyed radical revolutionary, he made a good politician. The mealymouth, the jingoisms -- absolutely incredible. If you disillusioned radicals out there who worked for Hayden and Udall thought that the Far Left harbored our only hope - think again. Gus Hall is the Communist's version of Carter.

Where does he stand on Gay rights? Glad you asked.

The following is the transcript of a phone conversation between Gus Hall, Ronn Owens and your humble columnist:

HALL: (after being asked about his stand on Gay rights) Well, we have a position on this question, and I want to present it honestly: Number one, that

Gay people, whether it's in jobs or professions and so on - and so that, we have a very fundamental position on. We disagree, I think, in the sense that the Gay movement tends to say that this problem and this movement is on an equal basis with the struggle against racism, or the class struggle and so on ... and, of course, it's not; and it's really counterproductive to raise it that way. I think the Gay movement will do best when it participates in the struggles generally on a class basis: the struggle against racism and so on.

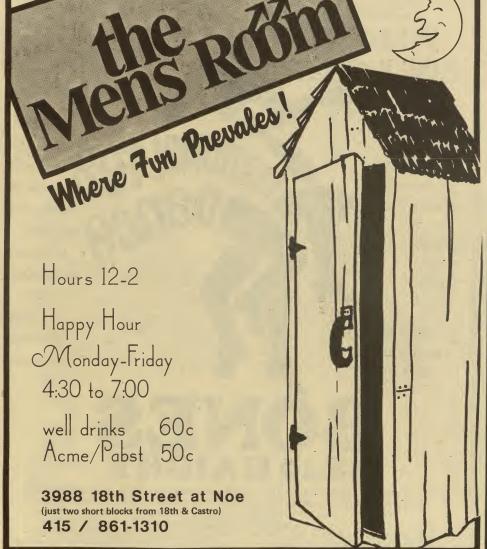
JOPLIN: But it is the same, because it is the struggle for basic human rights for every-

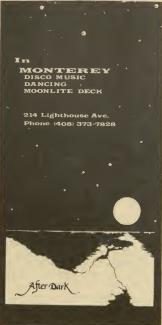
one, no matter what!
HALL: Well, it's on that basis, as I said, that we are against discrimination, but it's not the same as the question of racism, which is an instrument of class exploitation; therefore instrument of profit. discrimination against Gay people is not on that same level

OWENS: I think the problem in communication is that the gentleman calling is referring to discrimination on a social You are talking about discrimination on an economic level; you're talking about taking racism and using it for benefit of corporate owners, which would not occur in a class system against Gays. So socially, this is part of the Communist Party's position.

JOPLIN: But what will be done about it?

HALL: Well, what will be done about it is that discrimination because of that will be eliminated, in social life or





extend highwarts a new more as movern frequently and inspections economic life and so on ...

JOPLIN: How? HALL: ... that's what will be done about it . . . what?

OWENS: All he asked was "how?"

HALL: Oh, how? OWENS: Um-hm.

HALL: Well, under capitalism of course, there's a struggle and there's movement, and we supthere's . . .

against Blacks and against all of the Big Apple. other oppressed peoples?

But we ...

OWENS: What do you mean estuary. Or gotten myself tied "handled differently?" You're up at the wrong dock. almost sounding like Carter!

HALL: Well, then it becomes a matter of laws and so on. We busted for drunk driving. Show-

Cala for a quart of Dr. Pepper.

entropists are no longer content Cloud, in Watermill (only celeb with harboring their withering capitalistic values within the confines of the Democratic and Republican parties. mickeymice have invaded the amidst stately homes and set-Radical Left where, with their ting for the documentary, Grey perverted Midas touch, they leave gibbering Fords and Carters in their wake. They're playing our game now, and eccentric women. they're turning that game against us.

The cunning mothers are like the clap; it adapts and gets too strong for penicillin. We've got to come up with something stronger. After all, there's only two more voting days left till

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he Men In My Life By Paul-Francis Hartmann

Along the Montauk Highway By Paul-Francis Hartmann

After two months crissport that, but under socialism, crossing Long Island's overpublicized Hamptons, one might JOPLIN: But this is providing have expected me to return that you win the election. trumpeting a significant trend. You're the new President. Now, Broadcasting westward some how are you going to end dis- choice tidbit. Perhaps a whiff crimination against Gays and of what's to come. A smart bite

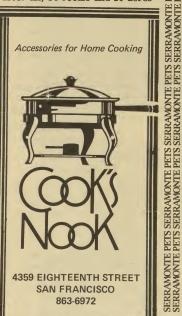
Outside of hurricane Belle HALL: Now of course, if we browning all the foliage on Long win the election, then it be- Island's trendy east end, it was comes a different matter, and a slack summer for exportable it will be handled differently. news. But then I might have been cabin cruising in the wrong

No one could pinpoint where Truman Capote got really haven't worked out ing me a speeding ticket, one details on that.

friend announced, "I have to appear before the same judge as ... at which point I hung Truman..." And I wasn't sure up the phone and went out to whether to congratulate or commiserate.

Do you see what's happen- It was rumored Margaux ing, gentle readers? The party Hemingway frequented this and the political season's hottest disco, The Blue I saw was the narrow rear of Peggy Cass). Friends repeatedly promised to drive me past The the Beale's place, that thorn There were other Gardens. privacies I would have preferred to invade than those of two

Southampton mansions continue to intimidate me: after all, 30 rooms and 20 acres

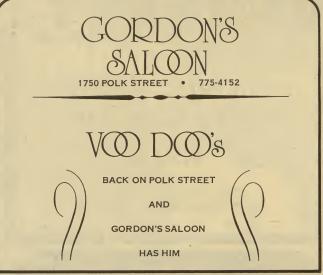


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- just for the summer manage to make their point all too well. Quite simply, I play in a different league. The closest I got this season was a night with the twenty year old Yalie houseboy in his cosy quarters above the stables. I resented being told I had to turn off my headlights as I drove down the

quarter-mile driveway which tunneled between 12 foot high hedges. We didn't want to wake anybody in the main house, did we? And nobody had to tell me that my faded, rusted-out 1963 Chevy station wagon would be less than welcome once the sun rose over the Atlantic dunes.

Real Estate brokers swear that a building plot - with a view -- less than \$35,000.00 is an absolute steal. And then add, with the slightest edge of annoyance, that the only people



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people apart. Although one can rack. tell the newcomer;

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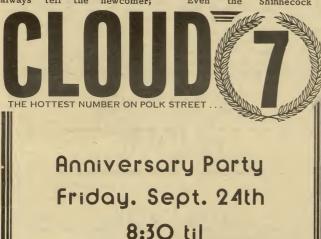
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buying are Jews and Arabs. they're forever into one or the Odd how they can't get along in other. Or spending time with a their holy places but make the real estate salesman. Countess best of neighbors on the Mara has even given up ties and today peddles half-million In tennis togs or ravishing dollar estates as if they were a whole lobster, it's hard to tell hanging on a Seventh Avenue

YOUR HOST

TACKY RUTH

Even the





Indians, enjoying the now-priceless acres of their reservation, confuse the tourist. Generations ago they began to intermarry with freed slaves. No one resembles Sitting Bull or Pocahontas at all; and to watch one of them dance a rain dance (Long Island never wanted for rain) around a stucco teepee decorated with luminescent insignia tilts one's sense of the authentic. They hold periodic pow-wows. The Indian Council is demanding a MacDonald's franchise, and the "Save the Hamptons" committee is vigorously protesting. From their roadside stands, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Jefferson hawk silver and turquoise jewelry to Mr. & Mrs. U.S.A. with names no one can spell, much less pronounce.

It's still an unfair world though; along the beach-front homes, the cleaning women make \$5.00 per hour. These girls are well educated and well groomed and work no faster than their kind ever did. Today, though, they seem averse to plain soap and water and require a brand name product for each object they clean. "Fantastic" for kitchen cabinets; Brocade liquid for inside the cabinets; Easy Off for mirrors. They no longer push a pail but a full shopping cart of agents and equipment. Thanks to modern science, their hands never touch the dirt.

Gay men are easy to spot in the Hamptons. They all wear shirts with an ugly little alligator perched above the left teat. A "little nothing" shirt which comes in 23 colors and costs about the same number. Some devotees are rumored to have one of every shade (though it's never admitted, for that would ruin the "just a little nothing" aura). Their flair can be noted in their space-age sneakers and the heavy sport socks which each season seem to creep further up the leg. I did notice two beauties wearing their cut off jeans backwards

... could be next season's "in" number.

Regardless of what the York fashion reports decreed, I saw no one wearing terry cloth outfits. Still in evidence, tell-a-tale T-shirts. And striped rugby shirts by the team load. And regardless of what Castro Street might dictate, on cool nights I was the only man in Easthampton in a plaid flannel shirt. It seems despite the Marlboro man fame, New Yorkers refuse to dress like cowboys. Simulated athletes, maybe... Anything simple ... to complement the yards of gold chain around their necks and the cluster of 18k medals, amulets, charms and assorted pendants.

The look is understated and easy to step out of. Yards of denim ... looking best on weekend guests (whose assets are usually more physical than mental). One doesn't grace one's Bloomingdale's beach blanket with aging sisters - not if one wants to be included for cocktails "on the way up from the beach."

Both Southampton and Easthampton have their particular Gay beach. Each equipped with its very own meat rack (back in the dunes and tall grass) for those who return after the sun has set ... though not every one waits that long. During the day, volley ball in the sand keeps the bodies moving and on exhibit.

Withal, the best show in town was hurricane Belle. For the first time in my life I was evacuated - and spent a night as a refugee. On our shore they were predicting tides 13 feet above normal. And that's a lot of salt water. The tropical storm didn't live up to her promise, but I ran into another that carried me out to sea. I'm still spinning. That yarn I'll save for the next watch.

Paul-Francis Hartmann August 24, 1976

Our State Lobbyist Paul Hardman

Getting It Straight —Politically

San Francisco. Reporting what others said happened, especially when you were not there yourself, always presents the problem of reporting a slanted

Frank Fitch, a member of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club Executive Committee, who was present at the August 16th meeting of that Committee, contends that the committee was not "harried" to reconsider the non-endorsement

of Supervisor Bob Mendelsohn in his bid for the Senate seat of Milton Marks.

Fitch maintains that the item was not actually on the formal agenda but that it merely came up in the course of

According to Fitch, Jim Foster, who was the founder of the Toklas Club, made a "special appearance" and introduced the subject.

Perhaps his appearance gave the subsequent discussion extra emphasis.

Again, according to Fitch, it would not be correct to sug-

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that party leaders were behind the understanding. discussion to reconsider the non-endorsement. suggested Fitch, that impres- often referred to as leaders in sion may have resulted from an the gay community, whether over reaction to Foster's self-appointed or considered. remark that "those of us who Other persons are chosen or have to deal with the Demo- elected to positions of leadercratic Party ... " would find it ship. Persons like those elected more difficult because of the to the leadership of the Alice B. non-endorsement.

Fitch contends that the "leaders" of that club by virtue non-endorsement of Mendelsohn should not be considered as an endorsementof Marks, rather a "lack of satisfaction" with the challenger.

One of the other items discussed by the Executive Committee which created a stir was a suggestion by Bill Gassaway, who, according to Fitch, proposed that nonendorsement be required to have a 75% vote from the membership. That proposal was defeated by a tie vote of 2 to 2.

Bruce Pettit was given credit for summing up the actual situation when he pointed out to the Executive Committee that the membership had "spoken" on the issue of non-endorsement, suggesting that it would be presumptuous of the committee to attempt to alter the club's decision.

In discussing the matter with Bill Gassaway himself, he contended that it was he who initiated the idea of the need for a 75% vote for non-endorsement, but not merely because of the Mendelsohn vs. Marks situation.

His main concern was that Democratic clubs should be supporting Democratic candidates except under very special circumstances. He did agree, however, that if a proposed candidate was not friendly to gay causes and gay rights that he should be rejected, without implying that Mendelsohn was that kind of candidate; in fact, he stressed again that his recommendation was not a Mendelsohn vs. Marks issue.

The whole topic of reconsideration of the nonendorsement created problems for the committee, but it will not be a formal agenda item on the next program for the regular membership meeting on September 13th. However, as Fitch noted, "If someone wants to bring it up for discussion from the floor, they may do so."

That, of course, raises the possibility that "someone" may do just that; but that will be the action of a specific individual and not the "leadership" of the club or members of the Executive Committee officially.

Fitch made another very valid criticism at this point, and one that should be taken seriously by all reporters. The use of the words "leader" and

Mayor George "leadership" if not used care-Moscone and other Democratic fully can create error in true,

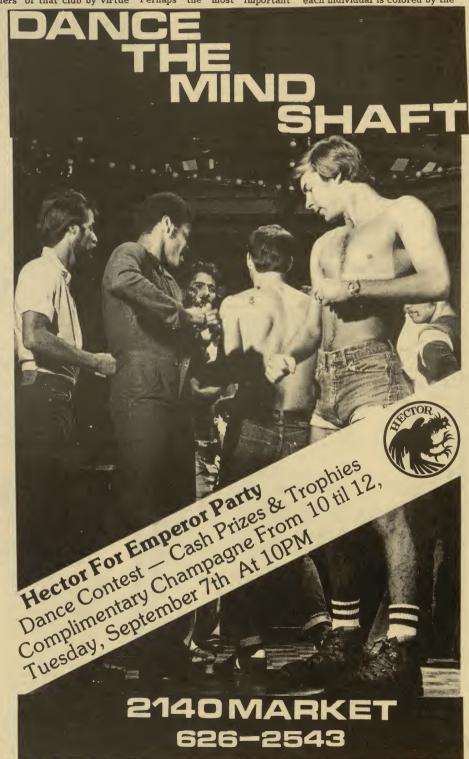
> For example, many people Perhaps, assume "leadership" and are Toklas Democratic Club as the

of that election, and when they act officially as elected officials then they represent act the club. When they act on their own or in other leadership capacities not connected with the Toklas Club, then they ought not to be included in the broad description of "leaders" where that description could cause misunderstanding.

Fitch's views on this sub-ject should be well taken. Perhaps the most important

thing to come out of all of this attention focused on the Mendelsohn non-endorsement, is that it points up what Fitch has described as the "lack of satisfaction" by the gay community for some of our elected officials and their challengers.

Those in the gay community who speak up and take specific action in the political arena must take sides in most situations. The judgment of each individual is colored by the



conclusions each makes regarding the best way to achieve the greatest social and personal especially gay people if you're gay.

on all subjects, but politicians top honors. would make a big mistake if solve the problem of achieving tried and he won. gay rights.

enables all segments of the gay Polk Street. community to support all gay activists on fundamental issues of gay rights, though they have marked differences specifics.

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Closet Ball 1976

San Francisco. Larry Cassus good for the most people, and pleased the judges and the audience at the Closet Ball on Saturday, August 21, at the All people cannot agree Japan Center Theatre and won

The contest was a "first they mis-read the varied solu- time in drag" event for those tions gay activists put forth to with enough guts to try. Cassus

In "real life," Cassus is a There is a basic under- hunky guy who works at the lying unity of purpose which *P.S. Restaurant and Bar on

> Wally Rutherford and Michelle guided the audience through the various stages of on the show and identified the players.

Rutherford's impersonation of Michelle was a showstopper in its own right and was very much enjoyed by the audi-











or hardship. The theater was packed, and the crowds overflowed the space which indicated the affair was a success as a fund raiser







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as well as a success as a good show.

The varied levels of "royalty" were there in force and in complete regalia, splendidly arrayed, in box seats high above stage level on both sides of the theater.

Emperor candidates and their supporters were everywhere urging votes for the best person for the up-coming title race.

Although Supervisor Bob Mendelsohn was not present, he was mentioned by Michelle from the podium; however, Mrs.



Milton Marks, wife of the incumbent State Senator from the 5th District, was. She held the fort for her husband and got a big ovation from the crowd.

When Senator Marks did arrive, during the show, the crowd greeted him with a standing ovation, which may be a good indication of his support in the gay community.

The dozens of persons responsible for the great show are far too numerous to list. There were twenty-three contestants alone and an equal number of sponsors for each contestant. They were all good - still, only one can be best.

A special tribute ought to go to Shirley for the fantastically understated costume put on for the occasion. It was a lesson in one-upmanship. While everyone else gussied up to the hilt, Shirley came out in a simple street dress with short jacket and purse, with all the "taste and elegance" of an Edith Head.

The evening was a tribute to the Gay Community that knows how.

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6 P.M. till 10 P.M. on Thursday the 16th there will be a Party for Hector for Emperor V de San Francisco... come on down and join in the festivities.

On Friday the 17th, Emperor Michael Caringi will host a cocktail party at the Kokpit from 6 P.M. till 8 P.M. just prior to his Awards . . . this is for all out of town guests, so come on down and meet these delightful people that travel from far and near to help us have fun at our Coronations.

8 P.M. on Saturday the 18th, the Coronation starts at

the Galleria ... don't forget to get out and vote that day from noon till 8 P.M. at S.I.R. Center ... your vote is very important.

Understand that Her Imperial Majesty, Reba, not

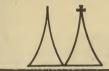
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only tends bar at the Gangway but is also into doing 'house cleaning' . . . contact her at 885-4441 from 6 till 10 A.M. at the Gangway if you need someone for part time cleaning work . . . how was the Aramis you gave Daddy Joe, Reba????? Really phony display cologne (water).

Thank you Michael Dooley for helping out a possible contender for Empress 12 . . . you did heaven work and thank you for sending your wages and tips back. Hi, Jack. dose enciculoneo

Retraction: The names have been changed from Curtis Ann to 'Cottonwood Curt' ... isn't that a camp ... they still haven't found a bar that they want to buy ... where are all of you Real EstateAgents?

Kenny, of Gallagher's Gold Room, you really shouldn't smoke those funny cigarettes in front of bars . . . you should ask people to join you . . . remember, you do sell liquor for a living . . . The next Tayern



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Seems as if Empress 6, Cristal, has a new romance and a hunky one who is going to run for Grand Duke ... he also works at the 527 Club, home of a former (or is it outgoing) Grand Duke, Lenny · · · yes, none other than Mr. Lee Dowd ... Cristal has never looked, worked or acted better ... loved the roses.

Thank Douglas for a fun, fun evening at the Kokpit the other night and to Polk Street Sally for setting up the house in your honor . . . Douglas Douglas.

Remember, on Sunday the 12th the great S. F. T. G. Picnic will be held ... tickets and a bus are available at the Kokpit ... the bus leaves at 10 A.M. sharp! ... tickets are only \$6.00 and include transportation and all the beer and food you can eat and drink plus fun, fun. Get your tickets early, as they are going fast ... you also get the souvenir Picnic Button.

Tacky Hacky's house is so magnificently small that there isn't even room for an ash tray ... right Stanley?

I hear the 'Porter Patch' date and is supporting the one he bad-mouthed so badly last year. It is a shame these 'Marypopular in those Come-Lately's' have so little right Dusty commitment to 'Loyalty.'

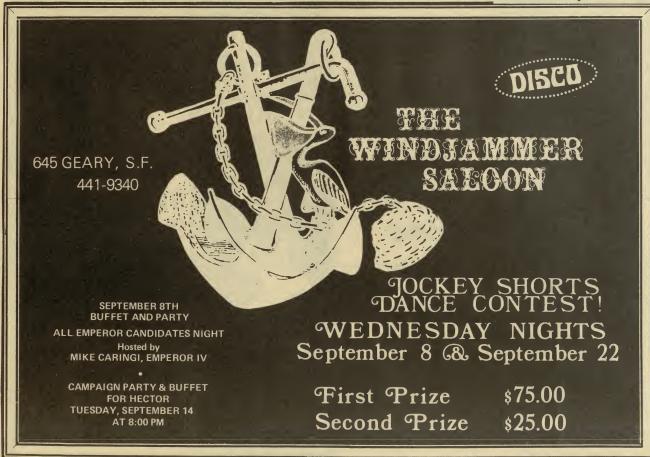
Thank you Darcelle and Rock of Darcelle's XV Saloon in Portland for the lovely new 'Lips and Heart' pin and also for the Victorian Cookie Jar ... you always do remember, don't you ... can't wait to see your new complex when we come up in October ... and thank you Glorious Swanson, Candidate for Empress of Portland, for bringing the gifts down . . . your campaign pictures are heaven ... simply Glorious.

Seems as if Lee Dowd of the 527 Club is going to run for Grand Duke . . . does Empress 6 de San Francisco, Cristal, know about this, Lee?

Recently overheard at the Carriage Trade Florist: This will be the last fucking arrangement of flowers that I send to Mike Dooley ... after all, he went to Tahoe without me ... love you, Lillian.

Don't forget the Police-Pendulum Softball Game on Sunday the 19th at Hayward Field at high noon ... it is a blast, and you won't want to miss it, as the new Emperor will be making his first appearance.

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Dirty Words by Donald McLean

Over at the Nob Hill Theatre on Bush, the current attraction is a film entitled "Dirty Words". Actually, it's four old loops starring such porno faves as Bill Eld, Jimmy Hughes and the immortal Joe Markham. What makes the film noteworthy, aside from the obvious physical attributes, is the discovery of Gordon Grant. Grant is used as the connecting theme, a man nagged to death driving with the wife and kiddies who stops off at a men's room and starts reading the graffit to have a masturbatory fan-tasy trip. Grant has the chiselled features of a Charles Bronson, and an incredibally muscular body and combines a fascinating quality of potential danger with gentleness, which is revealed more strongly in a short feature from Colt Studios entitled "Hammerhead", also star-ring Grant. There's no doubt about it, Gordon Grant is a definite comer for porno fans, and if some pro-ducer is wise, they will write him decent plotline in a full length feature, or team him with another porn superstar — let Grant play Bogart to Casey Donovan's Bacall. Gordon Grant is the Charles Bronson of porn.

On stage, live twice daily, is "The American Male" Chuck Forrest, who does a cute strip/masturbation number as a football jock alone in the room. It's pretty tame stuff, actually, although the Nob Hill has furnished a surprisingly good set and stage for Forrest to work on. One thing for sure — it's an "up" act!

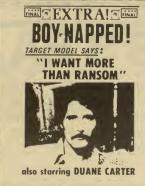
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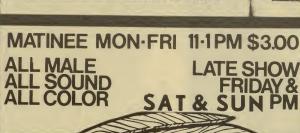
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JCF7 - AFTER THE MOVIES

The film features three players, action starts as two cadets are picked up by an usher during a movie. He invites them to his place. One seems a bit reluctant to participate, however, he soon joins in and you have a very satisfying three-way.

Excellent action shots, and all models are quite attractive. We recommend this for all collectors of group therapy movies. Rating XXX

JCF8 - COMING CLEAN

This reviewer is not particularly fond of one man jack-off films, however, this one did go a long way

to change our mind.

The film features a good looking stud, coming into a locker room who is obviously aroused and starts to fondle himself through his jock while standing in front of a mirror. He continues to play with himself as he moves into the shower, the action continues throughout the shower and then back to the bench in the locker

It is here that the subject caught out attention. He is rightfully pleased with himself and gives off a climatic ending while doing all kinds of contortions on the bench. Good film. Rating XXXX

JCF9 - BIG BROTHER

Three players again in a wild series of shifting positions and erotic gyrations. The story line seems to be that Big Brother is balling the roomate of Little Brother (not quite so little) and Little Brother wonders how it would be to be balled by his own brother. He soon finds out and seems to enjoy himself immensely. The action is good and the models are all quite striking and really into giving their all. Good climaxes and good action shots

Rating XXX

JCF10 - INVITED GUEST

Two players. A cadet is invited into the home of one of his teachers and the cadet is taught a whole new ball game. The teacher is super endowed and while the cadet makes a game try at oral exercise, he doesn't succeed too well, so we move into a full rear assault by the teacher, this is among the best this reviewer has seen in quite a while. The photography is excellent in this one and should be a must for the serious collector. Rating XXXX

JCF11 - GETTING OFF

This is another solo movie with a good looking stud.

Action opens as our hero is walking through the woods, communing with Mother Nature. He gets horny and starts to commune with himself. The scenery in this film is outdoors and sometimes the lights fade out in the print that we reviewed, otherwise the film is quite

Good climax from a handsome model. Rating XXX

JCF12 - GAMES AND FUN

This film features four players. This film features four players. Action opens with three cadets playing cards. The game soon disintergrates into a 3-way game of a different nature. They are then joined by a fourth cadet and the action gets wilder. This is a good film with plenty of action for all types of voyeurs and should be in most collections. Must agree with one of the press releases on this one of the press releases on this series of films "Horney Cadets certainly know how to have fun!" Rating XXXX

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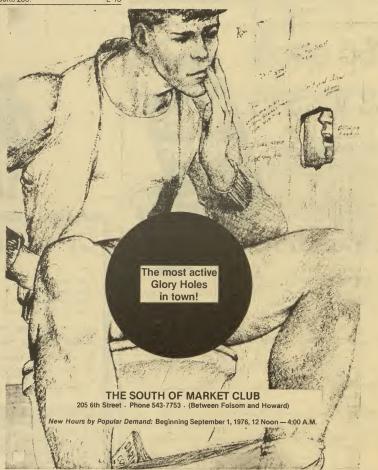
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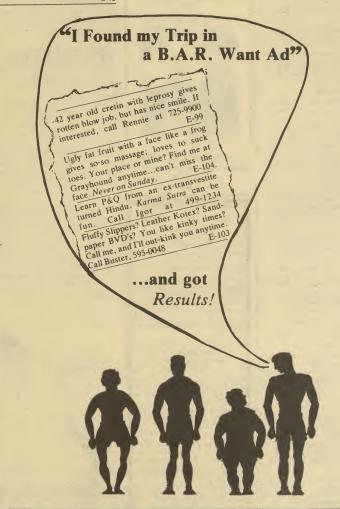
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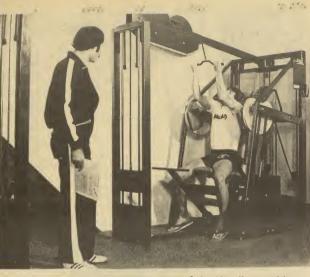
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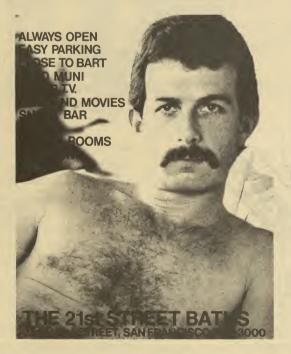


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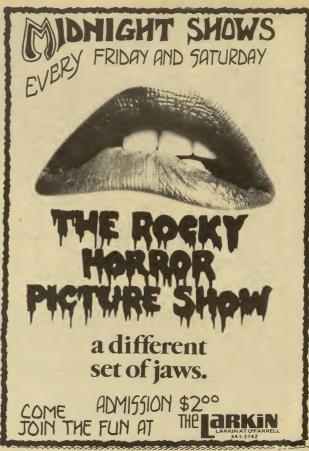


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from hit Broadway shows. You yell out a show and they'll sing a number from it, or they might present a 30-minute capsule version of "South Pacific," "Cabaret," "Fiddler," etc., with enough narration to keep you abreast of the plotline.

Jack Brooks originated this show a couple of years back at the Holiday Inn on Van Ness; then it moved to the Hyatt Union and even swung into The City for a quick stint. Now it's being presented with the same casual atmosphere at Broadway (formerly Jade) Palace, a big comfortable room conducive to a relaxed format. But the quality this time around is, unfortunately, more uneven-Narrator/baritone Jack Brooks is fine on snappy patter and character numbers, but sustained notes are shaky at best and ill-placed. He sings with much volume but little control, while tenor John Knowles reveals a pleasantly lyrical tenor, firm and assured, that is drowned out continually in ensemble work by Brooks' barrelhouse baritone. women share the same fate. Pamels Brooks possesses one of the finest voices in





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Francisco, a soprano capable of solely upon vocal ability to sustain the format, the current edition becomes a 50/50 proposition that direly needs balancing to make it what it originally was, an easy evening of glorious voices singing standard showtunes.

The premise is thoroughly enjoyable, and just to hear Pamela Brooks render "What I Did for Love" is worth the whole evening. "Standing Room Only!" plays Wed. thru Sun. evenings from 8 to 10:30.







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September 6 to be specific. The circus is an annual event, with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey alternating two editions; if you saw the show last year, you haven't seen it this year, since it's a completely "children of all different company. Irvin and Kenneth Feld have gathered the the world and disbursed them through two companies. While we do not get Gunther Gebel-Williams this year, there is still a plentiful supply of animal acts, aerialists, clowns and cotton candy, all the ingredients that go to make a successful show. The three rings are still a dizzying accomplishment to keep track of, but several individuals demand center ring, review-wise.

Ursula Bottcher and her performing Polar bears open the show on a dazzling note; Charley Baumann works with tigers, and Axel Gautier presents three rings of elephants. The King Charles Troupe are like the Harlem Globetrotters on unicycles, a definite crowd-pleaser; and both Tito Gaona and 12 year old Julio Faria perform a triple somersault in opposing rings as a climax to the show. triple somersault is Stradivarius of trapeze artists, much less two at once!



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Don Foote's costumes are splendidly gaudy; even the ele-phants are dressed to kill. But what can you really say about a circus? Either you love them or you don't (and if you don't, Joe McCarthy wants to know about you). It's a great entertainment buy and always worth a visit ... which is more than I can say for the limp "Ice Follies" now at Winterland.

Films In review:

There is a good deal of trash, both good and bad, playing around locally, plus even a couple of really excellent films. But since trash is a moneymaker, let's deal with that first.

drum

A thoroughly odious film at the St. Francis that will make millions. If you loved "Mandingo," you'll probably think "Drum" a film of social significance. The perfect movie for that quiet evening when you're in the mood for a good lynching party. Kvle Onstott again has written another novel (which will undoubtedly come as a great shock to the screenwriter) about "Massa's daughter digs black hung man." The film most perversities known to modern man, but manages to make them all excruciatingly dull. Warren Oates gnashes his teeth (as well he should); Ken Norton should think twice before giving up his boxing career (though he is physically a stunner), and only Mexican actress Isela Vega seems able to rise above her material and contribute a fullfledged performance. Steve Carver, erstwhile director, alternates between sweeping plantation shots and fanny close-ups and the dialogue sounds like it was written by the classified ad salesman for



KEN NORTON - The sole survivor of 'Mandingo" is now "Drum."

the Trader Dick section of the Advocate. For those who like lavish trash, chockfull of sex, violence and all those good things, "Drum" is an absolute

Gator

This Burt Reynolds film is currently making the rounds of the drive-ins, where it should do

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very well. Reynolds not only stars but directed with appropriate machismo. Jerry Reed is a peachy villain; Lauren Hutton showed up for work, and Jack delivers a superb comedy performance teamed with Alice Ghostly for the only bright spots in a predictable film that provides a good excuse to kill a Saturday afternoon with a Milk Dud.

Obsession

The ads compare it to Hitchcock's best, which is not only misleading but highly pretentious. Brian de Palma has directed a strange tale of a guilt-ridden man who thinks he finds his dead daughter again years later in Italy. What was meant to be haunting and eerie

Bujold, first-rate photography and a terrible cop-out ending. At the Alexandria, for those with great patience or music lovers who will close their eyes and just appreciate Bernard Hermann's underscoring.

Harry & Walter Go To New York

decided to make a film of their we in San Francisco have a bona journey. At the Girardelli fide theatrical scandal. Square Cinema, for those who August 21st, prior to want a reason to complain to scheduled Saturday evening perthe box office.

Le Magnifique

there were a couple of worthwhile films among the drivel? underbelly handled with just the right open, also on September 8th, at of the best performances of his the L.A. cast originally brought with

Face To Face

Liv Ullmann contributes one of the great performances as a psychiatrist who undergoes a total breakdown. Ingmar Bergman matches her frame for frame with incredible sensi-

is only creeping and ultimately tivity, and while it's a heavy dull, with good performances by trip, Ullmann makes it a .. Cliff Robertson and Genevieve memorable one. At the Surf Theatre.

Feature: Boy

Meets Boy

In case you've been out of The problem is, they the country the past two weeks, formances, the cast of "Boy Meets Boy" at the Chi Chi Club walked out en masse. then the show has been shut Remember I mentioned down while producer Edith were a couple of worth- O'Hara recast the show with local performers . . . scheduled Well, Philippe de Broca and to re-open September 8th at the Belmondo have Chi Chi. Now word comes that teamed up again since their the producers of "Bullshot "That Man in Rio" collaboration Crummond" have negotiated and made another wonderful with the authors of "Boy Meets spoof of spy stories, with a Boy," Bill Solly and Donald that's Ward, and obtained the rights to panache. Belmondo turns in one the Montgomery Playhouse with gorgeous here by O'Hara. Needless to Jacqueline Bisset a perfect say, the prospect of two match for him. de Broca allows companies playing the same the film to sag midway through, show two blocks apart pleases but the hilarity is quickly neither company. The Chi Chi regained. Don't let the subregained. Don't let the subtitles detract you from a company going into the
charming and delightful film
Montgomery plan to go union
shortly after opening. This is
shortly after opening. This is regained. Don't let the sub- company is non-union; the picketed nightly at the Chi Chi (and will probably continue to do so, although it did not hurt business one iota).

The legal ramifications awe-inspiring in their confusion. Author Solly maintains Mrs. O'Hara was granted the rights only for the off-Broadway touring company. The show, under her auspices, is currently playing in both New York and L.A. as well as here; Solly maintains she had no right to open in San Francisco, since L.A. is the touring company. O'Hara maintains Solly took an active interest in the casting of the San Francisco company so he was well aware of her plans. She later read in Daily Variety that Solly had sold the rights for the San Francisco production to the L.A. backers, who, in turn, are suing Mrs. O'Hara. The Los Angeles investors are also suing both of them, demanding an accounting. Ultimately, Solly and O'Hara are destined to end up in court trying to clear up this confusion of rights (we won't even discuss the record album, which was released without signed contract from the authors). Now Solly has again sold the rights to the

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Craig Mason and Raymond Wood - moving to the Montgomery Playhouse on September 8?

... because the show was grossing over \$5000 a week.

"Bullshot Crummond" ducers, with O'Hara and her lawyer steadfastly maintaining they still have the rights for the local production.

Key figure in the current dispute seems to be actor Raymond Wood, who garnered rave reviews for his protrayal of the villain, Clarence. According to Mrs. O'Hara, he carried his part offstage as well as on, doing scenes with management in front of patrons. It reached its climax on Friday, August 20, when they argued over complimentary tickets for the cast. It ended with O'Hara firing Wood, on two weeks notice, he quit, she fired, etc., etc. The next day, the entire cast refused to go on unless O'Hara met with them collectively prior to showtime. O'Hara flatly refused, saying she would not negotiate amid threats and blackmail; but she would be happy to meet them singly and discuss their demands. The cast then walked out, breaking their contracts.

O'Hara admits that she has never had a good rapport with her cast. But she also maintains that no one ever came to her with complaints, that the cast bitched amongst each other but never to her until the final scene. The main dispute was over money. Wood told me the costumes that had to be dry cleaned were filthy from lack of care, that the musical instruments were so out of tune the cast could barely perform, round trip air fares had not been paid from L.A., that the chorus kids were making \$75 a week and having to pay \$43 a week for hotel rooms before they could find other accommodations after the show opened, the local choreographer had never been paid for his extra service (he was also playing one of the leads), and they wanted a raise of \$25 across the board for everyone

they had gone through three opened; the electric keyboard because he wanted to, not had been damaged being shipped because payment had been

that "Boy Meets Boy" had only from L.A. and the musical been open one month, was director had been told to have indeed grossing over \$5000 the it fixed but had not been able to last two weeks before closing, do so because it would take two but had had a rough road the days possibly and they needed it first couple of weeks pre- one of those nights for the reviews; the costumes did show; air fares had not been indeed need dry cleaning, but paid yet but would be (prior to the cast walking), the actor who managers in one month and took over the choreographic none had lasted long enough to chores was only teaching steps get around to it; the piano had - supervising the original chorebeen tuned twice since the show ography - and had done it

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any specific promised of amount, the cast had an escalation clause in their contract that had already increased their salaries \$10 to \$20 per week, and that O'Hara originally had intended to cast the chorus locally because she knew she could not afford to import the L.A. cast for \$75 a man, but the cast had insisted they wanted to play San Francisco and could do it for that price so she relented and brought the L.A. chorus (not principals -- Raymond Wood was making \$135 a week upon opening, later escalating to \$155).

Producer O'Hara sums it up by saying "They were stars all of a sudden ... Raymond would not keep his nose out of management. I told them to forget about management problems and do their acting. There are two other productions now running that don't have Raymond Wood in them. No one is indispensable!" Wood maintains, "I was quite prepared to just go and be fired, but the cast felt the time had come to draw a line." O'Hara calls Wood a "rabble rouser;" Wood carefully doesn't call Mrs. O'Hara
anything. The "Bullshot Crummond" producers contend, "We're not going out for a fight with Mrs. O'Hara." They just feel the original cast should continue to be seen at the Montgomery under union conditions, since they are the company that got the rave company that notices. Mrs. O'Hara maintains her new local company will be re-reviewed by the press and hopes they will favorably compare. She also notes that the L.A. cast took the musical arrangements with them when they quit, which they had no legal right to whatsoever.

The question of rights looms as the immediate problem. O'Hara agrees "somebody has got to be established as having the rights" and is prepared to fight it out in court; authors Solly and Ward have promised to attend the opening at the Montgomery on September 15th in support of the new producers and are supposedly instituting proceedings against O'Hara.

On Tuesday, August 31, Crummond" with a lawsuit for \$200,000 for interference with production. her September 1, Wednesday, Jonathon Gardner, one of the "Bullshot Crummond" ducers, said, "The beat goes on. We had a fair idea it would happen. As of today, we are going ahead with plans to start previews next week. I don't mind what Mrs. O'Hara does. Obviously, she feels that she has something to lose if we open; we don't feel we have anything to lose if she opens."

It's obviously quite a Whatever the eventual decisions, the fact legal remains that momentarily at least, there are two casts simultaneously rehearsing two blocks apart to open on the same night in the same show. For San Francisco theatregoers, it will be two much of a good thing. Only one company can survive. In a situation that is tenuous at best, one can only feel a pang of sympathy for the new local cast who want to perform and know they're going to have to sing and dance from behind the 8-ball before they even open. That is, assuming both companies do open. It's a unique situation, to say the O'Hara slapped the unique situation, to say the cers of "Bullshot developments! developments! Donald McLean

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Interview: Meet The Manhattan Transfer



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September 15 in the Venetian complete sellout. Their second Room of the Fairmont Hotel is album on Atlantic Records entifled "Coming Out" has just been released; they've been on

Transfer is a "hot" show biz act.

On July 24th, following their opening at the Oakland Paramount, I armed myself with several litter bearers and a cordon of bush beaters and "Sure. It's exhausting. ventured into the wilds of Berkeley to interview the fabulous foursome; the cool, laid back Tim Hauser (originator of the group), the flaming redheaded sexpot Laurel Masse; the perky and bombastic Janis Siegel; and, of course, Guido Panzini himself, the super-hip, super-sex symbol Alan Paul, whose mere appearance the night before had evoked screams of delight - both male

Sitting around the swimming pool of the Marriot Hotel with the wind whipping about their ears, both Laurel and Alan are managing to contain their overt sexiness at three in the afternoon. Janis is curled up in bluejeans sipping coffee, while Tim is happy with the way the new act (just broken in for the first time the night before) has been received. All four are open, honest and friendly as they go through the rigors of having no free time for themselves, just work on the act and

By Donald McLean

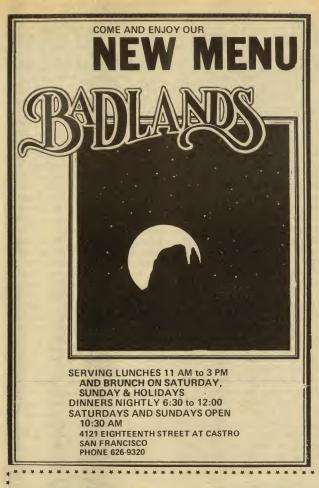
meet the press. After a yearand-a-half on tour, I question if they ever begin to wear on each

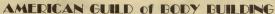
other's nerves?

Janis immediately replies, need time to be alone and get perspective on what's happening. Things are happening in your head all the time and you need ... especially like success. All of a sudden people start to look at you differently and you have to put that in perspective." Laurel whole-heartedly agrees -- "Remember perspective." what it was like when you still lived at home with your family? We see each other every single day; we have now for almost four years. We're always away, always in hotels, always together; and it's not even so much the pressure of the four of us being together all the time but the pressures of always working, always being tired, always eating for-shit food. You need time to recharge your batteries."

And with success, people change in their attitudes, I presume? Laurel nods her flaming red hair emphatically. "Janis and I have suddenly had the experience of having men







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Laurel Masse, Tim Hauser, Janis Siegel & Alan Paul hit a high note.
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never have before."

Alan Paul leans forward have no women friends. earnestly -- "It's very important shouldn't.

The affable Tim Hauser well onstage! Alan's character smilingly recollects — "It of Guido has become the screwed me up a couple of definite highpoint of the act for affairs with a couple of women genuine sex symbol status for and I realized where it was at both sexes. The group is quick and got out. It wasn't me, but to agree. Tim recalls an incithat man on stage. It was like, dent that illustrates Alan's oh come on, how tacky, is there appeal -- "What's fun is it's jects, "The size of the wad they than you would think. (Wrong! think you have in your wallet!"; Not more than I would think.) wad you've got in your came up, after Alan kissed the

have very distinct images. Off- The cat came up and Alan laid stage, the images quickly melt it on him. And I thought that *away. Super hip Guido becomes was great. It's like they're quiet and fairly intense Alan, doing their thing and it's okay; the wild and sensual bombshell it's part of the show. As long as becomes a perceptive and intel- it doesn't hang us up, it's great." *ligent lady with gentle eyes Like Bette Midler ("Bette named Laurel; perhaps Janis and I always say, 'One redhead, sums it up best when she says, per show, per stage!" says "Onstage, you can bring out Laurel.) and Gotham, The *certain aspects of yourself Manhattan Transfer was first which are not necessarily the discovered by the gay audience, total person. The thing I love, long before their "overnight" *just a personal joke for myself, success (the group winces en *is going out onstage and being masse at the term "overnight,"
"Yeahhh!' and full of energy and but more of that later). going back off, putting on my glasses, getting into my jeans, early days of the group taking my makeup off and going *home to read a book. It's just started as an underground *taking the most commercial group. That was our roots. aspect of yourself and putting it Tim's sister Fayette was one of onstage."

* Laurel is very hip to original drag, so to speak, was *Laurel's image onstage — "The very Cocketteish. We had a *roles we play are basically selective audience, very much *fantasies of ourselves. The gay, which, for us I thought, *Laurel onstage very much was very good. The original exists. The Laurel onstage is costumes were outrageous, but the Laurel that wanted to walk so outrageous in a way it into a party and have every man limited us. Our concept has in the room fall in love. The always been to reach as many being hurt or hurting other necessary to change our appear-*people is to put her onstage ance, our look, and go from a 'She's very real; it's not bullshit! elegant look."

wanting to go out with us that But if that Laurel onstage was the only Laurel there is, I would

I'm crushed to realize that to be able to read, to look at Alan doesn't normally walk into people and be able to see them a room, tear off his T-shirt, rub for what they are and who you it across his crotch and then should trust and who you throw it to some lucky bystander. But it certainly works times. I had a couple of short many fans. He has acquired a where you're at?" Laurel inter- expressed. There are more guys "As opposed to the size of the Some guy in Portland or Seattle well, that's all right!" replies chick, this one guy goes 'How Tim- about me? What about the Onstage, the foursome all boys?' And Alan was cool, man.

Alan recalls vividly the "When we first started out, we the original Cockettes. And our only way to act her out without people as we could, so it was where she works very well. less outrageous look to a more

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beginning -- "There were two times it doesn't. concert on one of these cruise- wise." the gay community. the boat, and I would say 70% fend for themselves.) of them were in drag. I mean, I mean, it was insane. So right there, we'd gotten a lot of them. And then, when we the first place we played was about the endless plates of Trudy Heller's, which is a gay spaghetti!" I beg. establishment and the clientele is primarily gay. So that's how it came about.

named after a novel by John dos originally with another group as act, which failed to achieve any great degree of success. He Janis had been one-third of a girl trio called Laurel Canyon; much to be able to hold day and Laurel was working as a cocktail waitress who, when she showed up for work one night, found the club burned to the ground and the owners next door celebrating. But for Alan Paul, he had it knocked. He was playing Johnny Casino in the hit Broadway musical "Grease" and had been a performer since 9 years of age in New Jersey. When Tim decided to form a new group, Alan took the plunge.

"I believed in the concept; I agreed with it." says Alan. "It was hard to walk away from the security of 'Grease,' but ("Walk week away! We dragged him away," says Janis.) ever since I was a kid, I was involved not only in theater but also in nightclub work; so I always had a taste of both. So, as a choice, although I'm an actor and I enjoy acting, there was more freedom for me in variety, in doing a stage act, because all the input was mine. I was in 'Grease' for a year-anda-half and I was looking for something because I was getting bored. I was making a lot of money, enough to live very comfortably. People thought I was nuts to quit. My manager at the time thought I was out of my mind. She said, 'What are you, crazy? There are so many actors out of work and you're in a hit show and you're telling me you're going to leave it for something that doesn't even have any money?' And I said. 'That's right.' I've always believed you're faced with choices in life and you have to take the chance. And some-

Tim zeroes in on the times it works out and some-I've been things that triggered that with lucky, because the choices I've the gay audience in New York. made have always been the First, we got hired to do a right ones. At least, career-(Alan now up-the-Hudson River boats; and another wise choice and we all it was heavily advertised among move inside out of the wind There that is reaching hurricane prowere about 350 to 400 people on portions; I let the litter bearers

Once the group was it was like this floating drag formed, their press release thing. And Jackie Curtis was makes it sould like manager one of the performers. If you Aaron Russo walked in their can imagine a moonlight cruise first night out and yelled, "I up the Hudson with 400 queens, must have this group!" Suspecting that show business is seldom that simple, unless you are John Davidson, I question the group started doing the cabaret scene, about the early days. "Tell me

"Plates of spaghetti!" storms Laurel. "Jeez, we would have been happy to be able to The Manhattan Transfer, afford plates of spaghetti. I can tell you about the times we Passos, was created by Tim had to walk from 23rd Street to 76th Street because we couldn't rhythm-and-blues flavored afford to take a subway. I can tell you about those! Nobody is instantly discovered. We got to was driving a cab in New York; the point where we were working too often and rehearsing too gigs. We kept getting fired all time, but not making enough as a group to make any money, which, interestingly enough, hasn't changed. We had been together three years when Aaron Russo walked in and said 'Poof.' And he didn't walk in; we chased him. We were turned down by every major record company in the business. They said, 'They're fine onstage, but they'll never sell records.' It took Aaron Russo who had the power to bring Ahmet Ertegun to see us to get us signed." learned how to live on \$32 a unemployment.

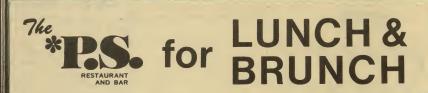
easy," adds Janis.

Predictably, the expenses getting The Manhattan Transfer established have been very high. Tim estimates that they are now 90% out of debt and this next year should finally set them up financially. recall their first San Francisco appearance at The Boarding House when they brought in a 15 piece orchestra, unheard of

for that small a room, which they had to pay for. reviews were well worth it, but only two months ago did they decide to stop working with the big band sound behind them and work with a five-piece combo instead. "A big band can be very cumbersome in a way; it's unwieldy. You can't change your mind; you can't change your tempo; you can't decide to







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very structured. With just a rhythm section, there's much With just a more space." says Laurel.

The And Manhattan Transfer definitely likes a loose, easy atmosphere. When I question them about their most unfavorite engagement or city, they reply in unison, "Las Vegas!!!" Why do they dislike

do a different song. It's very, Vegas so much, I ask? "The mentality. Just the mentality!" says Alan. "The same reason I hated going to a la-de-dah girls' school; terminal ennui! I mean, it's so boring. Three weeks, two shows a night, same show, same length. God forbid you should go one minute over because that's a minute those people are not putting money in the slot



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machines, and that's costing the album. They're not deserting four). Tim again sums it up - San we'll go back."

view, lest fans fear audiences. Manhattan Transfer Panzini with T-shirt doing vocal group of the 70's." "Guided Missiles" and several numbers from the original

house. You can't go on late; the style that brought them and it's the same, the same, the fame, they're just branching out same ... " emphatically speaks to include a wider spectrum of Laurel (a lady with very material and appeal. Tim found definite opinions, as are all the song "Blue Champagne" in Francisco, and But they pay a lot of money, so Francisco is very important to them because it's always been Their new act currently one of their most appreciative The Manhattan has Transfer, four nice and talented deserted the 40's style that people who've maintained their made them famous, contains personal equilibrium through several numbers from their new both the bad and the good Janis' "Chanson times, is far more than mere D'Amour," Laurel's "Scotch and nostalgia. With their new act, Soda" plus a potential disco hit they hope to achieve Tim "S.O.S." ("Just as long as it's a Hauser's original goal set back hit," says Alan.) - plus Guido in 1972 - "Just to be the finest

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will stage their annual run this it has been made known that drags, leather dudes, bike club this year's run show will be overlays and a whole gamut of fantastic. Since it is the Labor types representing there is a limit to the number munity. of guests allowed on this run cracked up when The Flame was from Saturday, September 4, introduced by Wally Rutherford noon, September 6. Randy!

Imperial and the tastic presentation of the table with candelabra. Again,

The San Franciscans M/C Fourth Annual Closet Ball two weekends ago. The 23 contesweekend down in the San Jose tants who entered all did a area at Laurel Park. The usual great job in their presentations food, cocktails, show and bike for the "first time in drag." events await run participants at The attendees numbered some a cost of \$40.00. From leaks in 1000-plus; and it was noted that the security system of the club, there were high drags, camp Day weekend, better hurry, as every segment of the com-The entire audience Monday, and Dick (Roxie Hart) Bumpus Go get 'em, held up a huge cue card reading: APPLAUSE. Roxie has a very campy sense of humor. The Imperial Family was sequestered in a balcony to the right Majesty of the stage, while Flame and Imperial Emperor Michael were on the Cardinal Court are to be opposite balcony with their congratulated for their fan- aides and a gaily decorated

J. J. Van Dyck astonished the the 527 Club last Saturday crowd with a monologue that had the huge audience in stitches; and the roller skating champions that performed brought the crowd to its feet in appreciation several times. And the winner? With a flawless gown created by Craig Hampton and sponsored by Richard James, the most perfect transformation from a masculine image to a feminine knockout was Larry Cassus, the assistant manager of the *P.S. Restaurant. Needless to say, the judges had a very difficult time determining the winner. Everyone who attended the Closet Ball will long remember this event as one of the campiest productions ever to hit San Francisco. To all who helped to make it a success, to all the contestants and their sponsors, to all the performers, to the Imperial Cardinal Court, and to my Empress Flame, the entire community thanks you for a beautiful evening and for helping raise money for the People's

South of Market welcomes two new businesses to the area. Any day now, the new LODGE Baths will open under the direction of Gene Larimer, who was the main drive in establishing the outrageous reputation of the Folsom Barracks. Gene's new baths are right on Harrison Street near Sixth, just next door to the End Up. On the corner of 12th and Folsom, the Brasserie will make its debut in a couple of months. Another pair of people who made the No Name Bar such a success will be handling the direction of this restaurant with a newest French flavor, Ron Johnson and Mario Pirami. With these two additions, South of Marketeers have an abundance of places to go for wining, dining, cruising and boozing. I'm sure the whole community is looking forward to visiting these new places which add luster to the bejeweled Miracle Mile of San Francisco.

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The campaign for the crown of Emperor V of San Francisco is heading down the homestretch in the next weeks, culminating in the Coronation on September 18. There are five very capable men running for the title, and I must say, they are ALL doing a marvelous Campaigners are near exhaustion as "get out the vote" parties materialize almost everywhere and in every bar and restaurant as well as at all gay functions in progress. Hector threw a great party at

night, preceded by a Fiesta luncheon at the Casa de Cristal. The next day, the elegant Redwood City home of that hunk, Claus, was the setting for a respite from campaigning for the committee at a pool party, complete with a Hector Fashion Show presented by Raymond and Hand Jobs and starring Rick (Rude Rita) Fosnight, owner of the Castro Station. The fact that Rick was a contestant in the Closet Ball attests to the premise that once you get 'em in drag, they never want to get out of a dress - yep, Rick was in drag again! Douglas Douglas astounded guests at the Closet Ball by handing out 'ripe bananas stamped "Douglas Douglas" and his party later on in the week at the Kokpit transformed the place into a banana plantation and the first appearance of his bright yellow T-shirts. Emon, president of the CMC, hosted a barbecue at his home for Billy Lowenthal with a huge crowd of supporters; and Harry Lordan and Bob Wiggin are helping to keep the rest of the community busy with their parties. All the candidates have met with me at one time or another, and their views on the future of the gay community all coincide in that they each feel they can do a great job. I agree. It is no secret that I supported Hector in last year's race. This year, I have offered each candidate my help. You can help whichever one you like best; but no matter who you like and/or support, the important thing is the Office itself; and I urge all of you to please VOTE on September 18. Any one of the candidates will get you to S.I.R. Center anytime between noon and 8 PM. The Coronation will take place at the beautiful GALLERIA, 101 Kansas Street, and tickets are on sale NOW. My best

wishes for good luck to all five, of you running. To the winner, I promise my support and undying loyalty, for the sake of the Office and the gay community.

Two grand openings last week were highlights on the Silver Strip (Upper Market) as THE GALLEON opened its doors to the community at large with a four-day grand opening, and Tom Avila's HUSTLE INN rocked out the corner of Church & Market last Thursday night. With all the campagin parties going on and other functions to entice the public, it was a miraculous turnout at both places, and virtually everybody who is/was/hopes to be anybody was on hand to welcome and play at the two new places. I didn't get an invitation to the Trinity Place opening, but since one reviewer of the opening made it clear that royalty and title holders were shunned, it's probably their own trip, but good luck John, you'll do as good, or better, as you did for Lorelei at the N'Touch. Good luck to the Galleon (what superb dinners!), and the Hustle Inn; that corner is bound to rock out now!

While the Flame herself has decreed that there will be no campaigning for Empress XII before candidates are accepted by the Privy Council, you can't keep ambitious people down; thusly, at the Closet Ball, a new name came to light - TANYA watch for that name, kids ... you'll be hearing from her. Likewise, to all who know or even care, MARCELLA is dead! GILDA lives! And you'll be hearing from HER too ... Was that Wayne Friday at the GLORY HOLE last Sunday night or Jayne Wayne Anyday? tsk,

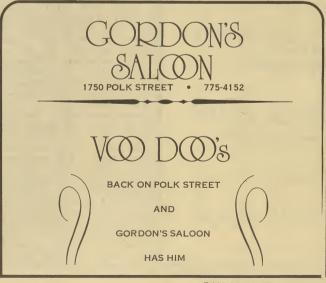
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tsk ... Watch for a NEW guide book to be called CALIFORNIA HOT LINE, a comprehensive guide book on California by Jim Dewey. I have seen the proofs of this new guide book, and a LOT of people aren't going to be happy because they were left out; but if some establishments would get their acts together and quit hiring people with a whole lot of "attitude," they might get some favorable press and coverage. Nonetheless, the new guide book is beautifully illustrated and well-written

with information on not only bars, baths and restaurants, but gyms and other "happening" events that take place in this state ... Watch for it -CALIFORNIA HOT LINE ... Hear tell that another NEW bar and restaurant will be opening on Valencia Street soon, under the direction of Mel Square, that personable man-abouttown ... And speaking of men about .town, one of the city's vocalists, Chuck finest Alexander, can't find enough adjectives to praise Bella of

Bella's World for the fantastic would want me to write about job she did on the floral their goings on there? Besides, arrangements at I'm at it, Bella, the sets you did waiters and other bar and exquisite . . . Get up and boogie the Glory Hole does not . . . The - early at the PENDULUM, GRUBSTAKE is great for the opening at 6 AM daily and "best hamburgers in town;" and, on weekends ... The Great there and that's reason enough Flamingo of SFO, Richard to stop in for a snack, isn't it?

vocalists,

Alexander, can't find enough

job she did on the floral ar-

funeral - and while I'm at it,

Closet Ball were exquisite ...

Get up and boogie - early at the

Gary MacDonald at the Hide-

away Lounge in the Church St.

straight woman will be elevated

to a permanent title, Imperial

very deserving, and I'm sure the

reception for her will be MOST

impressive because she is

heart, and I think you all know

of the Week: Just WHO is

buying the Ramrod Bar? ...

The Boot Camp will be cele-

brating their FIFTH Anni-

versary this month, so watch

for the announcements; and

there will be a new button

issued one night only, all you

button collectors . . . Hope you

got a chance to catch the

CRYSTAL PISTOL playing at the STUD last Sunday night - it

was a heaven event ... Jay

Fraser, also known as Cinnamon

Stick (when he's nice), also

known as POLA BEAR (when he's mad), has a new lover

whose name is JON, without, as

yet, a nickname; but give Jay

time and I'm sure he'll come up

with SOMEthing . . . I got this

note that says ANGELO who

runs the GLORY HOLE on 6th

Street is mad because I haven't

mentioned the place. Other

Chuck

Mrs. it's nice that the OTHER after Alexander's funeral - and while hours places allow bartenders, for the Closet Ball were restaurant people in free, but drawing BIG crowds, especially besides, Bobby Kerns works Novak was bopping around ... Great to see H.I.M. Gregg, Castro Street with Dennis Emperor Emeritus One of Long Beach, back behind the bar at the WILD GOOSE - Hi, Madam Leslie ... The CLOUD SEVEN town ... And speaking of men is enjoying a renaissance now about town, one of the city's that Tacky Buth is reaching that Tacky Ruth is working there. You SHOULD stop in at the Cloud - it's been remodeled adjectives to praise Bella of and is very, very nice ... Everybody on Castro Street is Bella's World for the fantastic asking Glen Hunt (also known as rangements at Mrs. Alexander's Glenda the Wicked witch of Africa) for her autograph since Bella, the sets you did for the she made it BIG in the Joker's column -harrumph! When do I get the stuff I ordered from PENDULUM, opening at 6 AM you, Miss Avon? ... Wally daily and drawing BIG crowds, Dennis of the PENDULUM isn't especially on weekends . . . The TOO mad at the antique store Great Flamingo of SFO, across the street, Peacock Garden, because they did call Richard Novak was bopping around Castro Street with the police on Wally for playing Birdsong-Birdwellhis music too loud the other Birdbath (take your pick) the a.m. - how rude! ... And how other day and looking reeeeal many CSL players are highly good . . . Stop in and say "Hi" to upset about the last column by Sara Sportscoop in the latest issue of the RIP OFF RAG? Station - he's quite a fine man Count 'em ... Hope you saw Mr. and Ms. Circus Circus, to rap with ... For the first time in San Francisco, a Harry Gardner and Joan Crittendon, riding the elephants in the Ringling Bros. Circus Crown Princess, for life. All the South of Market guys are parade last Tuesday - they were flawless . . . Congratulations in overjoyed, and especially the bike clubs; but the person is advance to Empress Flame and her Rick Hammond on their FIFTH anniversary together . . . I would be the LAST one to start rumors and wild horses indeed South of Market's Sweetcouldn't drag it out of me, but the Mouse that Squeaks (Ms. of whom I speak ... Question Morgan) will neither confirm

with bullshit!" . . . One of the sickest trips in the name of "camp" seems to be the current rage of the so-called "Glittering 400" or pretenders thereto - that is, throwing pies in the face of persons when they least expect it. A certain Paranoid Polly on Castro Street wants to buy this paper so SHE (and I do mean SHE) can fire me from the staff. As far as I'm concerned, Paranoid Polly no longer exists; than the fact that the place is hot and a HEAVEN trip for less other columnists mention glory hole queens, just WHO

HER, the better. Starving the

nor deny that someone VERY

close to him is already planning

his campaign for Emperor Six!

... Bert Gray was telling me

that he's an Aries too. Yep,

born on April 1st, he says his

parents thought they got a little

boy; April Fool! ... Graffiti

seen in the tearoom of a Castro

Street bar, "If you can't dazzle

'em with dialogue, break 'em up

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ego of a queen is the best way the *P.S. Bar and Restaurant. to treat her. Pies, indeed! Also to "Miss" First Runner-Up, Most of the Castro Street Bob Stijn of the *P.S. The personalities that REALLY grand *P.S. has ALWAYS hired know what CAMP is all about winners ... and, this certainly are OVERJOYED that this proves it! person is REALLY blowing her cool and that's the final word gown designed tacky place of business ... Memo to Bill Pielock of TOAD make-up artistry (and showbiz your friendship. Devore of the same establish- in a simple black Marlene ment. You are the greatest!

friends. Support the CSL games his insinuating walk! ship. To Mark Brown and the hunks ... who became two hot, beautiful people. To La Kish - them . . . no matter what Sara Sportscoop wrote about you - the people PROFILES IN LOCAL COURAGE who KNOW, DO care and thanks for involving yourself in the ENTIRE community and helping ning for Emperor of San EVERYONE from a teeny little Francisco V. This race is hot bar title to WHATEVER comes and heavy. These five blokes down; it's people like YOU who have to be congratulated on aid and abet our every cause thier verve and iron constituand help relieve our every crisis tions! that have helped this com- tired munity to progress to the point when I'm out cruising twice a where we ARE able to play the year. Shut up, Marcella! Police Department; and you are tribute NOTHING to this com- ... munity but plain and pure HORSE SHIT. Love and peace to all - who deserve it.

MISTER MARCUS

Polk St. Sally

By Dixon

Reprise — One Touch Of Venus

Closet Ball has come and gone. And, what a gala surpriselaugh-filled evening. Those of you who missed it ... have already heard. Those of you who attended . . . are still talking and chuckling about it. Understand there are already 15 sponsors and contestants lined up for next year. ALL the guys who became gals for a couple of hours were winners. It takes a lot of moxie, nerve, a bit of gin, maybe a spot of grass and an imaginative sponsor to create a dazzling transformation under klieg lights, a BIG stage and in front of one thousand people. Congratulations to the superb finalists ... Closet Queen 76-77, Larry Casas of

With a stunning evening Craig by EVER on that subject AND her Hampton of the San Francisco Opera for Larry, and the high HALL: Thank you, again, for pizazz) of the brilliant Richard It's been James, Larry hit that stage like almost seven years, and I a bombshell! Bob, a <u>natural</u> appreciate it. Ditto for Jim curly-haired blonde, swung out Dietrich gown - split to the That's about all this time, thigh - producing havoc with and good luck to all the mentor was the marvelous contenders for the champion- Charles. Larry & Bob . . . two Silver Sage - you are ALL almost instant pusscees!!! Love

The five capable men run-Maroan... I become just playing kneezees

Hector, the fiesty blue & a truly beautiful person who white game cock . . . a depend-DOES NOT deserve the shit you able, experienced man with all got from the Rip Off Rag. I the know-how and spirit to must end this column now handle and run a community before I PUKE with rage about office. Hector's past working the evil bitch queens who con- history has certainly proved this

> Billy Lowenthal, another dependable worker who has worked behind the scenes for years and is just as eager to bring his dependability out front! Outspoken, with a hell of

a lot of energy, Billy does as he says! Besides, I love Guy . . .

gent! Harry Lordan - what a gent! He's always there when you need a "there." Hector, a repeat candidate and a most knowledgable worker. Harry has garnered friends and supporters all over our fair city! Deservedly . .

Douglas-Douglas . . . whohah! One of my favorite people in this town! A good-looking chap with a campy, sly sense of humor, Douglas does not mince words! This davoon guy gets down to the nitty-gritty of things ... and people. Young, with a good working history of community endeavors, Douglas-Douglas has a way of letting you know that he knows. Naturally, I've always loved bananas ... they are good for

Robert Wiggin - a brilliant worker ... Bob's history lends credence to his campaign promises. Always on the go... with his famous (infamous?) laugh, Bob calls an ace an ace! This young lion has a pussycat heart ... but, I've known pussycats to have the hearts of lions! When Bob growls, you know and listen . . .

These five talented men are campaigning all over town ... pulling out all the stops! All five are good. Try to show when they make their appearances and introduce yourselves. Believe me, they will be delighted to meet you ... and, most important, discuss current community events with you. Remember, ONE will be elected on September 18, 1976; and that ONE will be representing YOU. Use your God-blessed franchise

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to elect. . Thank the Lord for the United States and San Francisco. Get out and VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE!



POTPOURRI:

Did you get a load of that remarkable J. J. Van Dyke at the Closet Ball? Jay-Jay's opening monologue was brilliant. I'm sure the SF Serpents (and other bike clubs) are justly proud of him. Jay-Jay is current president of the SF Serpents. A great gang!

Harry Lordan's auction recently at Club Dori for Pets Unlimited. Fun, with a good turnout. Harry and his supporters raised a little over five hundred dollars for that needy organization ... No, Empress Shirley, I didn't mean the Privy Council!!!

Listen, Bob Patterson is announcing Depression Day prices at his Patti's Pub ... 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. The price is very right . . . however, honey, Darryl Glied ain't the least bit depressing! What a bld . . . so is his body. Gary Abbott leads the jukebox, of course.

And my chum, Ken Rector of Gallagher's on Geary, is like the Clairol ads . . . Kenny gets Richard's Hot NEW Disco Hits: better and better and better and better and better and 1.

better and better ... what a love! Going to beat his ass at tennis!

My sweet, "quiet" neighbor, Kenny Allison, is just about over his ailment and ready to return to the Kokpit. darling man has really been missed. Kenny, I never thought you'd end up wearing jockstraps instead of jockeys . . . don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining

Another old?? pal working at The Galleon . . . a charming, delightful bar and excellent restaurant (across the street from Church Street Station). I'm speaking of the one and only Momie Starr (Morning Star, as I

call him) ... an entertaining and talented buddy who knows how to capture and keep an audience. That blonde Douglas behind the bar isn't bad either ... if you like looks, body, etc., etc., etc., etc. Ask Wayne (Jayne?) Friday of the N'Touch if you don't believe me . . .

Bye, see you later.....

*P.S. Gawd help me! I've just heard through the grapevine that David Weber (Fern) of Patti's Pub was seen browsing through the accordian department at Sherman Clay!!!???

This-a And That-a By Lou Greene

No column this week due sing-a-long daily ... with the to many deadlines to be contended with, but I do want to include our usual disco list from The Answer in Redwood City.

- PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC
- Wild Cherry
 MY SWEET SUMMER
- Love Unlimited Orchestra

- IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM, JOIN 'EM
- Mark Radice I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOUR LOVE The Emotions
- **NEVER GONNA LEAVE** Marvann Farra & Satin Soul

Love to you always in all ways.

Love. Lou

Nat'l Tea Dance Begins At Bones

The National Gay Task Force is the leading institution working for gay civil rights in the U.S.A. The Gay Rights National Lobby, Inc., in Washington, D.C., will share in the revenue from National Tea Dance. Local gay community organizations throughout the country also have special opportunities to participate in local revenue sharing while unifying the national community by joining in National Tea Dance on designated "benefit nights."
Opening night link-up is to occur on September 12th.

The idea for the ambitious project was sparked by the recent U.S. Supreme Court case in which state laws which prosecute and imprison people committing certain consensual adult sex acts were not challenged. A portion of the funds raised throuth the weekly National Tea Dance will be used to finance further court confrontations. Bruce Voeller, Director Co-Executive NGTF, explained his support for the project: "The gay population has a continuing important influence on the creative arts in this country, especially visible in the field of popular music; and, in particular, in the disco phenomenon, gay tastes

music are being picked up by the rest of the community. Coming on the heels of the Supreme Court decision, which has outraged thinking people in and out of the gay community, National Tea Dance is one ideal way of utilizing the energies of the gay world to support gay causes.

The plan for a national, simultaneous event has its roots the successful Sunday Evening tea dance being held at the Eagle bar in New York each Sunday for the past year which has benefited the National Gay Task Force.

The kick-off National Tea Dance in San Francisco will be hosted by Bones, 1840 Haight Street on September 12. ad elsewhere in this issue.)

SURVIVAL HOUSE AUCTION

SURVIVAL HOUSE will be holding a Sunday afternoon "Raise the Rent" auction at the 527 Club on Bryant Street. Heading the list of guest auctioneers will be Emperor I Marcus and Tenderloin Tessie. The auction will be held on September 5, 1976, at 3:30 p.m. Call 431-7172 for further information and for items to be donated to the auction.



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